

## **2019 Shannon CSI Bidders Conference**

### **Questions and Answers**

Q. When we request budgets from the partners, they usually ask us if they can request more funding. How should we respond? Is there more funding this year? Is a 30% increase too much?

A. The Shannon funding has increased by \$1.8 million over the 2018 solicitation so you can have the partners ask for more funding. I do not think 30% is too much, however all requests would need to be justified. The need within the community would need to support the ask.

Q. Does EOPSS really want a separate spreadsheet partner for each or a spreadsheet that defines distribution among partners?

A. The spreadsheet the AGF is referring to is the Partner Selection Workbook (Attachment H). All funded partners will need to be listed on this document to show distribution among partners.

Q. Is EOPSS looking for a certain percentage of participants to be in the categories outlined (Shannon eligible, low risk, moderate risk, high risk)? Will you only fund applications that have, say 50% Shannon eligible? If not this year, is this something you anticipate going to?

A. No. EOPSS is not looking for a certain percentage of participants for the 2018 solicitation. However, applicants should make an effort to incorporate a strategy that addresses the needs of youth throughout the risk spectrum, when possible. EOPSS does not have any plans to establish a certain percentage of participants served in the near future.

Q. Also we noticed that part of the description of Shannon eligible youth includes “at risk”, which is not one of the 4 defined categories when describing the risk level of youth. Can you clarify this?

A. The wording within the AGF is incorrect and should state “low risk or moderate risk of becoming involved, or currently involved, in gang activity.”

Q. Are there restrictions or guidelines that current Shannon grantees should follow regarding the amount of funding we can apply for?

A. Applicants are encouraged to balance the allocation of grant resources across the participating stakeholders. This will provide a balanced allocation of grant resources among the major areas of activity. For grant applications that devote more than 33% of total proposed spending to a single agency or strategy, please provide a detailed explanation as to the decision-making process. OGR reserves the right to revise budgets that exceed the required 33% of total proposed spending to a single agency or strategy.

Q. What specific information will be required to be reported to EOPSS regarding narcan use? (All police departments receiving Shannon CSI funding will be required to participate and submit case-specific information on officer administration of Narcan/Naloxone using a reporting tool as determined by EOPSS.)

A. This language was inserted in advance of the development and implementation of an electronic narcan use tracking system for law enforcement departments. The system has not been implemented yet and the specific data required from departments has not been finalized. The inclusion of this language was more to inform departments of the future use of a tracking system.

Q. Are risk assessments still exempt for drop in programs and employment programs?

A. Individual Risk Assessments are exempt from drop in programs. Employment programs are not exempt and are encouraged to use the assessment.